



Milwaukee County Council on Emergency Medical Services

Meeting Minutes



Chairwoman: Supervisor Deanna Alexander, (414) 278-4259
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Wednesday, May 28, 2014
8:30 am

FMLH Conference Center
8700 W. Watertown Plank Road

Attendance

Present – Deanna Alexander, Robert C. Brunner, Deonna Johnson, Frank Lockwood, Samantha Maldonado, Latonya Simpson, Sean Slowey, Russell Spahn, Tony Thrasher, DO, Daniel Weber, Robert Whitaker, Linda Wiedmann, Steve Bane, Riccardo Colella, DO, Kenneth Sternig

Excused – Christopher Anderson, Mike Jankowski, Thomas Reid, Stephen A. Scaffidi, Mike Wright

Absent – Edward Bryant, Mary Kay Grasmick

Others in attendance – Steve Hook, Mary Mattila, Larry Knuth, Rosemarie Forster, William Soderbeck, Jeremy Blair, Troy Boesl, Ryan Stanwood, Pat McGuire, Joseph Knitter, Brian Bieganski, Linda Mattrisch, Daniel Berendt, Paul Wendelberger, Jim Baker

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March, 2014 – approved

Guest Speakers – Paul Wendelberger – FMLH

Froedtert Hospital will have a **new ambulance bay** and route change coming in November 2014. EMS providers will enter via N. 92nd St. to W. Connell Ct. For a copy of the maps and other graphics, please contact a Wayfinder Specialist with FMCW or Ken Sternig with EMS.

ROC Research Excellence Awards

Congratulations to Kurt Zellmann (WAFD), Jeremy Blair (WFD), Brian Bieganski (SMFD), and Linda Mattrisch (MFD) on being awarded **Excellence in Service Awards** from the Resuscitation Outcome Consortium (ROC) today! **Fox 6 News** sent a TV crew to today's EMSC meeting and the story was aired on May 28.

Reports

1. Medical Society Advisory Committee Report (Dr. Tony Thrasher, DO)

- Hospital Diversion is of concern to all hospital systems, private providers, and MC EMS providers along with the patients that are served. This is a very hot topic which is being addressed on many levels – the Medical Society Advisory Committee as well.

2. Medical Director's Report (Dr. M. Riccardo Colella)

- Special Events are listed at the end of the minutes

- Dr. Colella is requesting that FD's receiving PD requests for **Narcan-related administration oversight** refer the PD's to contact him directly so that he can ensure syncing the legislatively-required oversight efforts across the county.

3. **Operations Committee –**

Supervisor Alexander empowered Dr. Colella and Chief Whitaker to resurrect the **EMS Operations Committee**, and to submit a list of names to her in the coming weeks for appointment to that committee. Dr. Colella will chair the committee, which will function as a Diversion Task Force and help identify what changes in the healthcare system are coming, what best practices can be used to navigate, and where the best place is to bring patients depending on circumstance, amongst other things. You do not have to be a member of the EMSC to be a part of this committee, but you do have to let Dr. Colella or Chief Whitaker know if you are interested in working on this committee. Our hope is that the group can be named and meet at least once before the next EMSC meeting in July.

4. **Milwaukee County EMS Report (EMS Staff)**

Administration (Ken Sternig)

- Two physicians from Shanghai Institute of Health Sciences are expected to come to Milwaukee from June to September to glean knowledge as to educating paramedics.
- DHHS Strategic Planning Initiative – MC EMS Steering Committee Initiative. MC EMS will be looking for survey feedback and input from its providers to satisfy questions about the EMS System. MC EMS Steering Committee is conducting a SWAT analysis and review of performance measures for our organization to be shared with DHHS. Please complete the survey when asked.
- Introduction of Maria Veloz. We welcome Maria who has been hired to help with education and AHA clerical duties.

Education (Nicole Gonzalez)

- Paramedic Class Update – 40 hour class currently in in the field and will be graduating June 18 – all are welcome to attend the ceremony held at Helfaer Auditorium – Froedtert Hospital. Shift class has completed the didactic portion of their class and will proceeding to clinical/field – June 9.
- State Licensing. June 30 is the deadline for all paramedics and BLS personnel in the system to renew their license. Encourage your paramedics to give you a copy of their license for your files.

Health Information Management (Lauryl Pukansky)

- 1st Quarter 2014 statistics were made available at the May EMS Council meeting.

Communications/Operations (Erik Viel)

- EMMS Comm Center will be getting a well needed face lift and updated equipment within the next few months.

Quality Assurance (Rosie Forster)

- Protocol updates scheduled for July 1:
Asystole - paramedics will be able to pronounce the patient without medical control when there is no response to resuscitation efforts
- Spinal Immobilization - providers will be moving away from transporting patients on backboards unless removing the patient from the board could be detrimental to patient movement.
- ROSC patients will be transported to the closest hospital capable of PCI, regardless of diversion status.
- Rosie introduced William Soderbeck as the new QA Specialist. Bill's duties will include tracking STEMI, stroke and cardiac arrest patients with the goal of providing more feedback on patient outcomes to the transporting crews.

- Protocol updates went into effect April 1st.
- All ZOLL monitors will be brought in to MCEMS for annual maintenance, recalibration of EtCO2 and software updates. ZOLL reps and a contracted service provider will be on site on June 4th & 5th only. The process should take less than 1/2 hour. Schedules will be distributed to departments. Contact Marty with any questions/concerns.

5. **State of EMS Board Report – (Steve Bane)**

- Just another reminder - License Renewal ends June 30, 2014.
- Use of Narcan is a very hot topic at this time. While legislation has passed for its use by first responders, controversy over its use by first responders still exists.
- FAP funding is certain for BLS, and will be transition to ALS as well.

7. **Hospital Emergency Preparedness Plan (Mary Mattilla)**

- No Report

8. **Emergency Management (Deonna Johnson) –**

- Deonna Johnson from MC Emergency Management had several announcements about **upcoming trainings**, including 6/5 on Increasing Victim Survival in Mass-Casualty Events, 6/6 on Pediatric Victims in Mass-Casualty Events (with guest speakers that were involved in the Boston Marathon recovery), and another 6/9-13 on Fatality management planning for the County, which is for command staff and spans five 8-hour days of training. For more information on these trainings, Deonna can be reached at Deonna.Johnson@milwaukeecountywi.

9. **ICC (Mayor Stephen Scaffidi, Village Pres. Robert Brunner)**

- The ICC elected Mayor Stephen Scaffidi as Chairman and Mike Nitschke as Secretary/Treasurer at their last meeting.
- Another topic of discussion is the expansion of Fire Department Mutual Aide.

10. **Medical Society Advisory Committee Report (Dr. Tony Thrasher)**

- Hospital ED diversions are of major concern to the whole EMS System. There is an ongoing point of interest for all involved including the Medical Society Advisory Committee. This problem is being addressed by all involved.

10. **MATC (Russell Spahn)**

- Russ Spahn reported that the MATC Paramedic Program is on track to begin in January, 2015. Construction has begun on the location of the program. MATC is currently in the process of hiring instructors for the program.

11. **Communications: PSAPs, State or Local EMS Communications –**

- Milwaukee County has established a proposed **Subscriber Fees Term Sheet** for the Public Safety Radio Program. If you have not yet received a copy and would like to, please contact Laurie Panella or Chris Lindberg at Milwaukee County IMSD.

12. **State DOT – ZOO Interchange Project Update (Steve Hook)**

- Steve Hook from the DOT gave updates as to what can be expected as to closings over the next few months and into the fall. Make certain transport vehicles are aware of the construction in and around MRMC. Keep abreast of the changes - check with the Wisconsin DOT Zoo Interchange Website. DOT holds weekly meetings every Wednesday at their field office in West Allis. Every effort is made for ambulance access to MRMC to remain open.

New Business

Announcements

- Tonya Simpson is the new EMS Council Public Liaison. She is **updating the EMS Council portion of the County website** so please contact her with your suggestions.

(<http://county.milwaukee.gov/EMS/EMSDivision/EMSCouncil.htm>) Please also let her know when you have EMS-related news that needs to get out to the media. She will be managing press releases and coordinating reporters / news crews for EMS related events. She can be reached at Latonya.Simpson@milwaukeecountywi.gov

- EMSC appointments revolve in August 2014. When making recommendations to the County Executive's office for appointments or re-appointments, **it is assumed that everyone currently on the council would like to continue on the council unless you inform Supervisor Alexander otherwise.** If you prefer to discontinue participation in the council, please let Supervisor Alexander know immediately. There will be openings on the council in August. If you know someone interested in filling a position – please let the Supervisor know.
- Groundbreaking for the Fischer House at Woods VA will be held on June 3.

Next Meeting – July 23, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. FMLH Conference Center, 8700 W. Watertown Plank Rd.

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates in 2014: 7/23, 9/24, 12/4. Upcoming Dates for 2015: 1/28, 3/25, 5/27, 7/22, 9/23, and Nov/Dec TBA.

9:40 a.m. – Motion was made to adjourn

Submitted by Supervisor Deanna Alexander/Janis Spitzer

Special Events

1/31-2/2/14	AMSOIL ArenaCross
2/1-2/2/14	Short Track Speedskating
2/15/14	Special Olympics – Polar Plunge
2/28/14	Al Moreland Boxing
5/22/14	Winners Wear Helmets Bicycle Rodeo